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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE SENATOR MCGOVERN (STATE 168536), THANKS FOR ADVANCE NOTICE. GIVEN MCGOVERN'S PROMINENCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE WILLING TO PUT THEMSELVES OUT A LITTLE MORE EVEN THOUGH IT IS THEIR VACATION PERIOD. WE DOUBT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET APPOINTMENTS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL (PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE VACATION ASPECT), BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A FAIRLY GOOD RANGE OF APPOINTMENTS HERE. WE AGREE THAT TRIPS TO LENINGRAD AND KIEV WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF LIGHTENING THE LOAD ON THE ESCORT OFFICER. TRIPS TO THOSE CITIES WILL BE ALMOST CERTAINLY TOURISTIC IN NATURE; IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EITHER THE CONGEN OR THE KIEV ADVANCE PARTY WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS. DEPENDING ON THE SENATOR'S INTEREST WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND HIM ON A TWO-TO-THREE-DAY TRIP TO NOVOSIBIRSK TO FAMILIARIZE HIM WITH SIBERIA AND THE RESEARCH FACILITIES AT AKADEMGORODOK. WE WOULD PREFER SCHEDULING THIS TO END BY AUGUST 28.

2. PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE VACATION PROBLEM, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF YOU COULD GIVE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SOME IDEA OF THOSE MATTERS THAT MCGOVERN MIGHT LIKE TO LOOK INTO DURING
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HIS TRIP HERE, ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS HE MIGHT HAVE, ETC.

3. RE PARA 6 STATE 169936, TELL PAUL THAT OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THIS AND LIKE REQUESTS IS DIRECTLY DEPENDENT UPON AN ADEQUATE STAFF. RE PARAS 2 AND 7, WILL REFRAIN FROM DIRECT MESSAGES FOR MOMENT, BUT FIND OUR POSITION UNCONSCIONABLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. IF QUESTION NOT RESOLVED AT FRIDAY PANEL WOULD

APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WE CAN DO FROM HERE.

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